

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fuse tube having a multiple layered laminate construction including an inner arc-quenching surface layer comprised of a filament\_wound, fiber\_reinforced matrix comprising a thermosetting resin and melamine, and also including at least one outer layer of filament\_wound, glass fiber reinforced thermosetting resin, said outer layer being bonded to said inner arc-quenching surface layer whereby no dielectric or mechanical interface is present between said inner and outer layers, said inner arc-quenching surface layer comprising at least 10% by weight melamine, at least 10% by weight of said filamentous fiber material and at least 40% by weight of said thermosetting resin.

Claim 2 (original): The fuse tube of claim 1 wherein said thermosetting resin comprises bisphenol-A epoxy resin.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The fuse tube of claim 2 wherein said filamentous fiber material is selected from the group of acrylic, polyester, nylon, rayon, cotton, cellulose and mixtures thereof.